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FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA TO USPS WITNESS ALEXANDROVICH (MPA/USPS-T5-1)

(July 31, 1997)

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, Magazine Publishers of America hereby submits the attached interrogatory to USPS witness Alexandrovich (MPA/USPS-T5-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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INTERROGATORY OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ALEXANDROVICH

MPA/USPS-T5-1. Pages 4-6 of your testimony describe changes in costing methodologies between Fiscal Year and Base Year 1996. According to the Fiscal Year 1996 Cost Segments and Components, attributable costs for Domestic Air were \$1,208,387,000 while, according to the Base Year 1996 Cost Segments and Components (Exhibit USPS-5A), they were \$1,067,818,000.

- a. Please describe how you developed these attributable costs for both the Fiscal Year and the Base Year and provide all calculations.
- b. Which of the studies that you describe in these pages pertains to this change in attributable costs?

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

James

Washington, D.C. July 31, 1997